

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project No.: 61.1913

Date: 17 February 1961

1. Subject of Proposed Project: West New Guinea
2. Statement of Problem: To prepare a Geographic Intelligence Memorandum that will present in convenient form (map and brief text) essential elements of the physical, political, cultural, economic, and military geography of "West Irian," designed to provide background for better understanding of the Dutch-Indonesian dispute over this area. This proposal is prompted by recent indications that Indonesia intends to prepare for renewed infiltration attempts and for a diplomatic offensive at the forthcoming UN General Assembly session, in which case the U.S. will be required to reexamine its long-standing policy of neutrality toward the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.
3. Requester: Self-initiated.
4. Responsible Analyst, Branch: [REDACTED] GG/F 25X1A
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other Divisions of the G Area: One map to be prepared by D/GC.
 - b. Other parts of CIA: Coordination with [REDACTED], OCI. 25X1A
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 100
7. Probable Completion Date: March 1961
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR GM 61-2
9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: Standard dissemination for GM; there is a possibility the final publication may be NOFORN.

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